**Phone connectivity in Faizabad**

2342. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages without telephone connectivity in Faizabad district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to cover those villages with telephone connections in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) All the inhabited revenue villages of Faizabad district of Uttar Pradesh have been provided connectivity as per Government policy.

**New telecom circles in U.P.**

2343. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up some new telecom circles in Uttar Pradesh during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes and programmes formulated and implemented so far, in the State; and

(c) the necessary steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

**VSNL's outstanding dues against telecom carriers**

2344. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: